



HOOSIER VALUES AT THE STATEHOUSE

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Daniels' Administration Continues Fight Against Fraud

Governor Daniels' Administration continues to fight fraud in state government. Daniels announced on December 4, 2006 that a recent investigation discovered more than one thousand convicted drug felons are receiving state welfare benefits illegally.

For more information, click [here](#).

Don't Forget...

The new "In God We Trust" license plate is now available to all Hoosiers at no additional cost, and may be purchased at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles when renewing registrations.

GOVERNOR, FIRST LADY PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL TREE TRIMMING

Governor Daniels and First Lady Cheri Daniels joined more than 400 elementary school students to decorate the State House Christmas Tree on Wednesday, December 13th. Children brought ornaments they had made based on this year's theme, "Hoosiers Have Heart."



GOVERNOR DANIELS CALLED "MOST PRO-LIFE GOVERNOR" IN INDIANA HISTORY

Governor Daniels was introduced as the "most pro-life governor" in Indiana history at the Allen County Right to Life banquet on October 9, 2006.

"I know one day the rights of the unborn will be fully protected in our land," Daniels said.

The Governor signed legislation during the 2005 legislative session regulating women's clinics in Indiana and holding them to the same health and safety standards as hospitals. This law became effective on July 1, 2006.

During that same session, Governor Daniels also signed into law legislation that requires health care professionals to provide a pregnant woman with information about the availability of an ultrasound and to listen to a baby's heartbeat prior to performing an abortion.

These actions were the first pro-life bills to become law in Indiana in nearly a decade.

The Governor's Administration also approved a "Choose Life" license plate requested by the Indiana Association of Pregnancy Centers, Inc. Proceeds for this specialty plate will go toward crisis pregnancy centers throughout Indiana. The plate is now available at your local BMV for an additional \$25.



Governor Mitch Daniels met with the Abstinence to Attain teen group created by St. Vincent Hospitals and Health Services in Indianapolis to reduce sexual activity among adolescents. The program is a peer-facilitated, healthy relationship, abstinence and marriage education intervention.

Daniels Outlines Budget Priorities

Governor Mitch Daniels outlined his budget priorities for the next biennium, specifically a proposal to limit spending growth to four percent. For the past two years, the state has operated with honestly balanced budgets, and Daniels said it is imperative to do so again for the next two years without gimmicks or general tax increases.

"Our goal should be a further strengthening of the state's finances which, though vastly improved, are not as secure as we want them to be," said the governor.

The state is expected to close Fiscal Year 2007 with an adjusted surplus of over \$200 million. FY07 revenues are estimated at nearly \$12.5 billion and expenditures are about \$12.2 billion.

2007 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism

National Service programs, service learning programs, volunteers, faith-based and community organizations, schools, and others who give freely of their time to make Indiana and the world a better place to live are invited to the 2007 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism March 12-13, 2007, at the Indianapolis Marriott downtown.

Sponsored by the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, the conference was created to bring together Hoosiers who freely

give of their time and talents to recognize outstanding accomplishments, share best practices, identify solutions, and to challenge them to excellence in moving forward.

Click [here](#) for more information.